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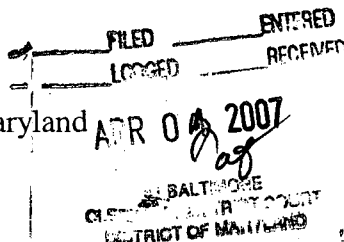
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The Honorable William D. Quarles, Jr.  
United States District Judge  
United States District Court for the District of Maryland  
U.S. Courthouse, Chambers 3A  
101 West Lombard Street  
Baltimore, MD 21201



Re: **Crack Reduction - Status Report**  
United States v. Ronald Ross, Case No. WDQ-98-358

Dear Judge Quarles:

Please accept and docket this letter as a status report in the above-captioned case. The U.S. Probation and Pretrial Services Office has reviewed Ronald Ross's case and determined that he is not eligible to seek a reduced sentence under 18 U.S.C. § 3582 and Amendment 706 to the U.S. Sentencing Guidelines (lowering the sentences for crack cocaine offenses) because his offense of conviction did not involve crack cocaine. Upon reviewing Mr. Ross's case, counsel agrees with this finding. Mr. Ross was convicted of one count of conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute powder cocaine, in violation of 21 U.S.C. § 846. Because his offense did not involve cocaine base, Mr. Ross does not qualify for a sentence reduction under § 3582 and Amendment 706.

Please let me know if I can provide any further assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S. Mirchandani'.

Sapna Mirchandani

cc: Barbara Sale, Assistant U.S. Attorney  
Estelle Santana, U.S. Probation Officer  
Ronald Ross